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1. ON JULY 29 EMBOFFS HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION OF LOS SESSION WITH DOUDOU DIOP, FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS, AND LEFT COPY OF FRENCH TEXT OF AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S JULY 20 STATEMENT, WHICH DIOP PROMISED TO BRING TO ATTENTION OF FOREIGN MINISTER. DIOP, WHO IS MEMBER OF SENEGALESE LOS DELEGATION, SAID NATIONAL LOS COMMITTEE HAD ALREADY MET FOR INITIAL REVIEW OF SESSION'S RESULTS AND WOULD CONVENE AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER. FULL GROUP OF 77 WOULD ASSEMBLE IN DAKAR IN MARCH 1978 TO COORDINATE STRATEGY JUST BEFORE NEXT SESSION.

2. DIOP SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ABACK BY STRONG US CRITICISM OF SEABED MINING PROVISIONS WHICH EMERGED FROM SESSION, AND COMMENTED THAT EVEN CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE HAD BEEN AMONG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THOSE WHO HAD AGREED THAT PROPOSED TEXT WAS "GOOD". REMARKING THAT LOS TREATY WITHOUT US WOULD BE "UNTHINKABLE," DIOP SAID US REACTION TO NEW YORK SESSION WOULD "DOMINATE" GROUP OF 77 DISCUSSIONS.

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